

# 2023 Year in Review





Dear constituent,

On March 7th, I was sworn into Congress as the first Black woman to represent Virginia. It was one of the greatest honors of my life to be given your trust. Since then, I have fought to advance the priorities that matter to my constituents and advocate on behalf of Virginia's Fourth. Your needs and the needs of our district inform every vote I cast, every meeting I take, and every policy I develop.

This first year in Congress was historic in many ways. Over the last nine months, House Democrats worked diligently to deliver real results to the American people, despite Republicans' dysfunction and extreme partisan agenda.

I'm proud of the work I was able to accomplish and want to share some highlights with you.



# 2023

It was an eventful first year in Congress. We narrowly avoided a devastating default on our national debt, staved off two government shutdowns, witnessed the ouster of Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House, dealt with the resulting gridlock as Republicans worked to elect a new Speaker, expelled Congressman George Santos following a deeply troubling, bipartisan House Ethics Committee report, and more.

While the far right manufactured crisis after crisis, I spent every day fighting to deliver for Virginia's Fourth through my legislative work, my robust constituent services and casework, and my efforts in the district.



**Constituent Services**



**Legislative Accomplishments**



**Work in Virginia's Fourth**



# Constituent Services

This year, I opened my main District Office in Richmond and a satellite office in Brunswick to better meet the needs of residents in Virginia's Fourth. I have a dedicated team of constituent service representatives, who work diligently to resolve cases and solve the problems you face. They also hosted Mobile McClellans across the district, opportunities to meet one-on-one with my caseworkers in a location outside of my Richmond or Brunswick offices.

## Richmond Office

11 S. 12th Street  
Suite 401  
Richmond, VA 23219  
Phone: (804) 486-1840



## Brunswick Office

100 Athletic Field Road  
Lawrenceville, VA 23868  
Phone: (804) 690-5809  
10am - 4:30pm — every  
Thursday, or by appointment



# Casework

**\$1,000,000+**  
**returned to**  
**constituents**

**892**  
**constituent**  
**cases closed**

Help With a Federal Agency • Passport Troubles • Missing Benefit  
Late Tax Refunds • Mail Delivery Issues • And more!



# Legislative Accomplishments

After eighteen years in the Virginia General Assembly, I developed a reputation as a principled legislator and managed to pass over 370 bills into law. Now in Congress, I am continuing my efforts to address the issues that matter most to my constituents.

**Bills Introduced**

**8**

**Bills Cosponsored**

**230**

**Letters Led**

**12**

**Votes Cast**

**544**

**Letters Signed**

**255**



# McClellan Bills Introduced

## H.R. 4002 - THE RESEARCHER ACT

To address financial instability for graduate and postdoctoral students in STEM. The bill directs the White House office of Science and Technology Policy to develop policy guidelines to combat financial insecurity.

## H.R. 4176 - THE GRAD ACT

To help bolster graduate-level STEM programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs). The bill would amend language in both Sections 723 and 724 of the Higher Education Act to include unlisted HBCUs and PBIs with qualified master's degree programs.

## H.R. 5581 CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE FOR MATERNAL HEALTH ACT

To increase short-term child care access for mothers and their families during pregnancy, birth, and the postpartum period. The bill establishes a federal grant program to support mothers and families, prioritizes support for vulnerable populations, and requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to identify successful activities to improve maternal health outcomes.



## **H.J.RES. 89 - NATO RESOLUTION**

To strengthen congressional authority concerning the United States' membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Alliance. The bill aims to prevent the unilateral withdrawal of the United States from NATO by any President and mandates congressional approval. My bill was included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 and signed into law by President Biden.

## **H.R. 6386 - MILITARY ONESOURCE TRANSPARENCY ACT**

To direct the Department of Defense to conduct a study into the efficacy, utility, and accessibility of the One Source Program, which aims to connect servicemembers and their families with various services and resources.

## **H.RES. 874 - PREMATUREITY AWARENESS MONTH RESOLUTION**

To raise awareness of the maternal and infant health crises. The resolution would designate November as Prematurity Awareness Month and encourages families and communities to leverage preterm birth prevention programs.



## **H.R. 6095 - DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PFAS DISCHARGE PREVENTION ACT**

To protect military personnel and American families from per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) released from Department of Defense (DoD) facilities. The bill facilitates PFAS remediation through carbon filtration at DoD stormwater management outflows and directs DoD to more closely test for PFAS on site.

## **H.R. 6232 - COORDINATION FOR SOIL CARBON RESEARCH AND MONITORING ACT**

To empower the federal government to support interagency work around soil carbon sequestration research and monitoring. The bill establishes an Interagency Committee on Soil Carbon Research led by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. The legislation also directs the Committee to develop a cross-agency strategic plan for federal research, development, and deployment regarding soil carbon sequestration.



# Major Wins in the NDAA

President Biden signed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024 on December 22nd, 2023 to authorize federal funding for the U.S. military. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I successfully fought back against the far right's extreme attempts to restrict servicemembers' access to reproductive health care, dismantle Diversity Equity and Inclusion initiatives, and attack LGBTQ+ servicemembers. **I am also proud to have secured five major priorities in the final version of the bill.**



## NATO Resolution

To prohibit the President from withdrawing from NATO without Congressional approval.

## Traction Alopecia Study

To conduct a study into the feasibility of implementing treatments for service members, particularly Black women, who suffer from traction alopecia and scalp damage caused by the military's strict grooming standards.

## Military OneSource Study

To conduct a study into the efficacy of the One Source Program, which aims to connect servicemembers and their families with various services and resources.

## Mental Health & Suicide Training Study

To conduct a study into mental health awareness and suicide prevention training in the military and to offer solutions to close existing gaps.

## Extension Deadline for U.S.S. George Washington

To provide additional time for the investigation into the contributing factors behind the suicides committed by Navy servicemembers aboard the U.S.S. George Washington in Newport News, Virginia.



# Work in Virginia's Fourth

**It was a very busy year in Washington with several extended legislative session weeks. However, I took every possible opportunity to spend time in Virginia's Fourth, meeting with community leaders, state and local elected officials, organizations and advocacy groups, and my constituents.**

**I always appreciate the opportunity to spend time in our district, hear directly from constituents, and share updates on my work in Washington.**



# District Snapshot

**248**  
**Attended Events**

**14**  
**Localities Visited**





# Local Government Roundtables

Throughout the year, I took time to meet with local government officials to discuss their priorities, share updates about my work in Washington, and to find opportunities for state and federal collaboration.

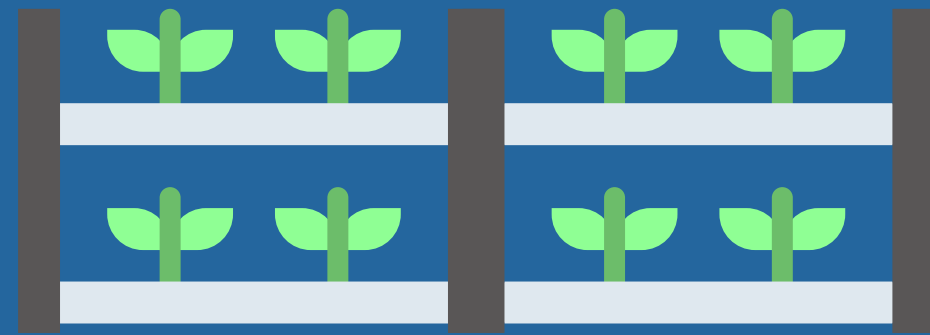
In 2023, I convened five local government roundtables with elected officials from all fifteen localities in Virginia's Fourth.

These were invaluable opportunities to discuss how we can best serve our constituents and ensure the success of our communities.





# Welcoming Vice President Harris to Richmond



**I had the pleasure to welcome Vice President Kamala Harris to Virginia to celebrate National Small Business Week.**

**We toured Babylon Micro-Farms, a Richmond-based sustainable indoor farming startup that employs 35 Virginians and keeps all manufacturing local. We also highlighted the work of the Administration and congressional Democrats to bolster American manufacturing.**



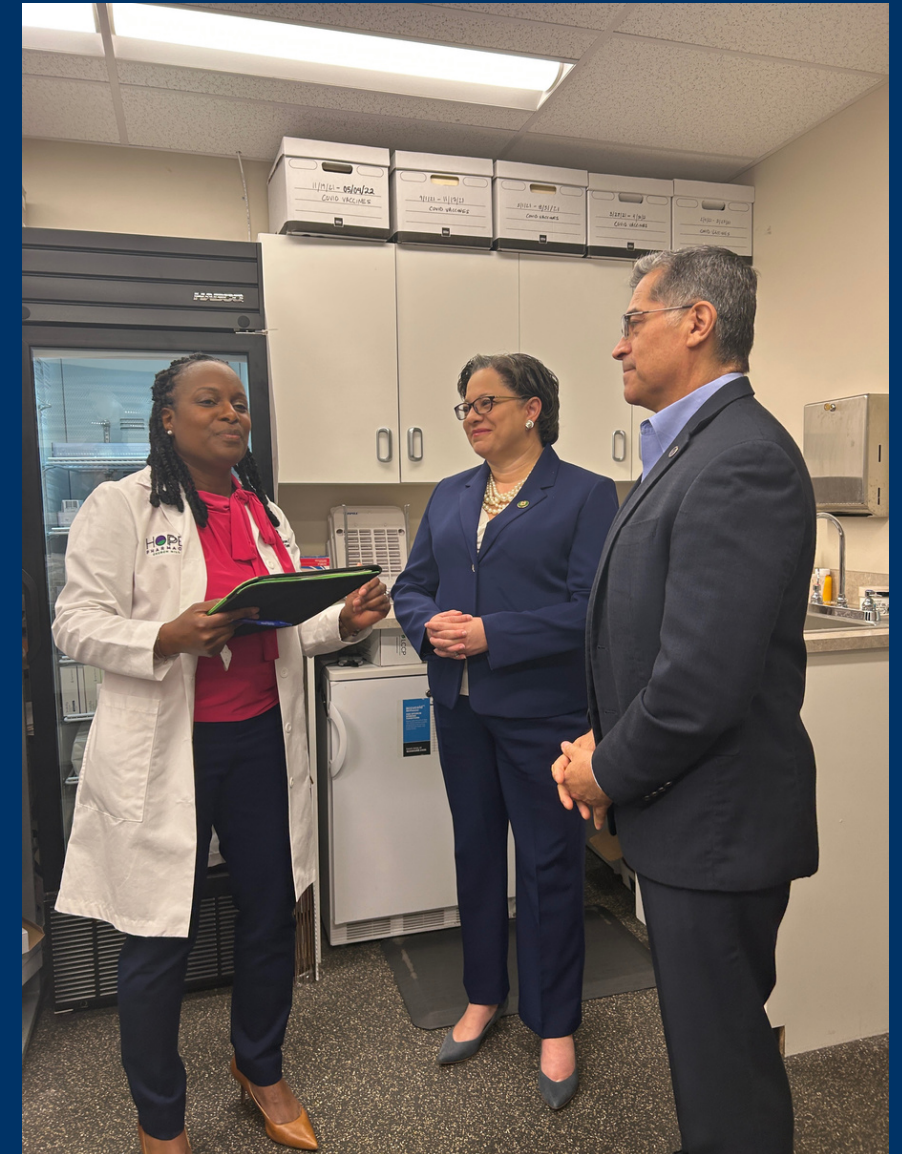


# Touring Local Hope Pharmacy with HHS Secretary Becerra



**Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra visited Richmond, where we toured Hope Pharmacy in the Market at 25th.**

**We celebrated the incredible cost-saving provisions included in the Inflation Reduction Act to lower prescription drug prices.**





# Roundtable Discussion with NASA Deputy Administrator Melroy



**NASA Deputy Administrator Pam Melroy and I toured the Science Museum of Virginia's new exhibit, Space: An Out-of-Gravity Experience.**

**Later, we convened a roundtable discussion to discuss my work on the House Science Committee and our collective efforts with NASA to address the climate crisis.**







Rep. McClellan and Sen. Kaine explain their work in Congress to children at Kidz with Goals Unlimited.



## Hopewell Child Care Roundtable with Senator Tim Kaine

Senator Tim Kaine and I toured Kids with Goalz Unlimited in Hopewell, a child care and early education center offering child care and before- and after-child care to kids between 17 months and 11 years old.

We also held a roundtable discussion with parents and child care providers to discuss the child care crisis in America and what we are fighting to accomplish in Congress.



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# Looking Ahead to 2024

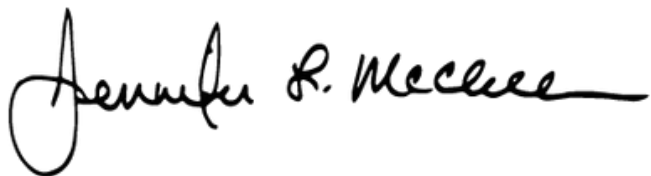
It was a whirlwind 2023 legislative session, and next year will be incredibly busy as House Democrats continue fighting to deliver for Americans. When we return from the holiday recess, we will have ten days to avoid a partial government shutdown. A second government shutdown deadline looms on February 2nd, 2024. Congress must pass the annual appropriations bills to fully fund our government, protect our federal workers and servicemembers, and ensure crucial government services remain available to families.

We must take immediate action to provide aid to our global allies and partners. Throughout the remainder of the year, we will work to pass crucial reauthorizations, including the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, the FISA Reauthorization, and the Farm Bill.

I will continue advocating for my constituents' priorities and fighting to advance policies that will improve our communities, Commonwealth, and country. Please know that my door is always open. I encourage you to reach out to share your concerns, voice your priorities, or seek assistance with an issue you are facing.

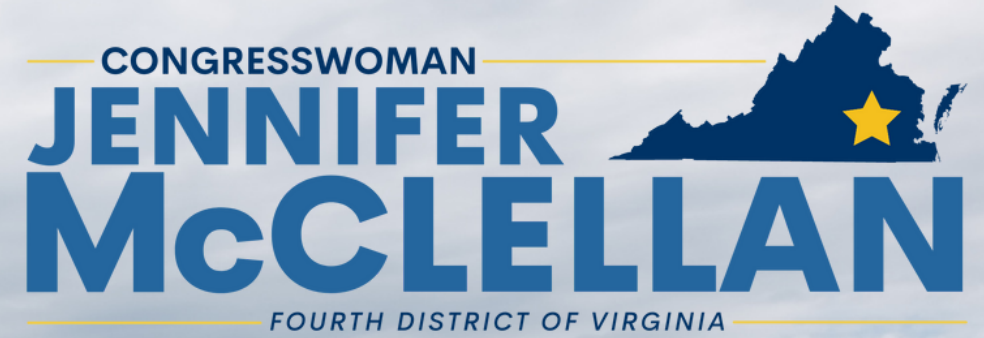
I wish you and your family a prosperous 2024, and I look forward to continue serving you in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jennifer L. McClellan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jennifer L. McClellan





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